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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005 and is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. As the remarks below are consistent with the results of the interview with the Examiner on March 16, 2006, their consideration is respectfully requested.

**Summary of Interview** begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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### **SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss this rejection in telephone interviews with the undersigned on February 17, 2006 and March 16, 2006. In the interviews, the difference between the term "removing" as used in Claim 1 of the present application and the term "evacuating" as used in Claim 20 of U.S. Patent No. 5,916,365 patent was discussed in light of a Federal Circuit decision specifically construing the term "evacuating" in the '365 patent.